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ABSTRACT

This guide is designed to meet the security response needs of educators and law-enforcement personnel by detailing how an effective response plan can be developed to deal with school violence. By implementing the guidelines detailed in this book, those in responsible positions can help prevent the incalculable costs of death and chaos these acts cause. It is designed to expand the effectiveness and performance of special-response police forces, fire-department personnel, medical-aid personnel, and ancillary support personnel, as well as provide a comprehensive guide to school administrators and other educators who are concerned with school-safety issues. It focuses on the elements of rapid containment, area control, and the securing of the affected area. Time is emphasized as an essential factor: the longer the perpetrators remain active, the higher the likelihood that additional people will be killed. This book is designed to generate a detailed analysis of possible contingency plans for respective emergency responders. A site-specific analysis is also included to help streamline the planning efforts of all emergency responders. Appendices include resources for technical information, organizations instrumental in countering school violence, technology instrumental in detection and imaging, grants, and first-responder training. (Contains 87 figures and 12 Response Plan Exercises.) (RT)